

The Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) (Finance).

#### LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. HOYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCARTHY), for the purpose of inquiring of the majority leader the schedule for the week to come.

(Mr. MCCARTHY asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, on Monday, the House will meet at noon for morning-hour and 2 p.m. for legislative business. Votes will be postponed until 6:30 p.m. On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, the House will meet at 10 a.m. for morning hour and noon for legislative business. On Friday, the House will meet at 9 a.m. for legislative business.

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Mr. Speaker, the House will consider a number of suspensions next week, a complete list of which will be announced by close of business today.

The House will also consider the fiscal year 2017 Interior appropriations bill, sponsored by Representative CALVERT.

Additionally, the House will consider the Separation of Powers Restoration Act, sponsored by Representative RATCLIFFE, as well as three bills related to Iran, thanks to the work of Representatives POMPEO and ROYCE. The House will also consider the Conscience Protection Act, authored by Representative DIANE BLACK.

Mr. Speaker, it is likely that several additional items will be added to the schedule for next week, and Members will be advised of the final schedule as soon as possible.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. Speaker, normally, the colloquy between the majority leader and myself on the schedule might be lengthier than it will be today. This week has been a sobering week, a sad week.

I want to congratulate Speaker RYAN on the comments that he made this morning. He said that “every Republican and every Democrat wants to see less gun violence.” He then went on to say: “Sometimes we disagree on how to get there. Sometimes we disagree passionately on how to get there.” He went on to say: “But in having this debate, let’s not lose sight of the values that unite us. Let’s not lose sight in our common humanity.” He then said: “We need to take a moment here for reflection, for thought, for prayer, for justice, for action.”

Mr. Speaker, the majority leader and I have had a brief conversation on the floor. He said to me—and I agree—that we need to sit down together and try to see how we can bring this country and this House together on a way forward

to, as the gentlewoman from Texas said, decrease the tensions that exist between citizens and law enforcement officers, to ensure the safety not only of those officers but of Alton Sterling, who lost his life, and of Philando Castile, who lost his life—an instance that appeared to be horrifying and unacceptable.

I think all of us in this House and all Americans, Mr. Speaker, like the majority leader has suggested to me—and I have responded—should come together to de-escalate the tensions in our society, the confrontations that we see too often, the rash rhetoric—the hateful rhetoric in some cases—that is being used. I thank the majority leader, Mr. Speaker, for what I believe to be his very sincere and heartfelt thoughts along those lines.

So we will not engage in a colloquy today of differences but in a colloquy that will, with prayerful consideration, try to serve the people of this country and each and every individual in this country towards a safer, more assured life in America.

I yield to my friend.

Mr. MCCARTHY. I thank the gentleman for yielding, and I thank him for his words and our conversation prior.

Mr. Speaker, the gentleman is correct. Too many families are mourning losses this week. I believe all Americans are praying for the families—for the innocents who have been murdered in ambush. It is a time for this Nation to heal; it is a time for this Nation to unite; and it is a time for justice to be done. I think, for that to start, this House needs to be an example. I thank the gentleman for being accepting of and for being willing to work together as we have so many times before.

As we know in this House, people come from many different parts of this Nation and have expertise. I have sat and had a conversation with DAVE REICHERT, who has tremendous expertise; and I have had conversations with JOHN LEWIS. There is an ability within this House to help this Nation unite and heal the wounds that are out there, and I thank the gentleman for being willing to be a part of that.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for his comments.

My hope, Mr. Speaker, is that all of us will be willing to be a part of that solution, not of the problem.

I yield back the balance of my time.

ADJOURNMENT FROM FRIDAY, JULY 8, 2016, TO MONDAY, JULY 11, 2016

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday, July 11, 2016, when it shall convene at noon for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ZELDIN). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

#### SWIFT AND SURE JUSTICE FOR THE THIN BLUE LINE

(Mr. HENSARLING asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, I rise as a proud and sad citizen of Dallas, Texas. I am so proud of that thin blue line that keeps all of our citizens safe, including my wife, my son, my daughter. I am so sad for the fallen, their families, their sons, their daughters, their spouses. It is a time of mourning; it is a time of prayer; but it is also a time of justice—swift and sure justice—for anyone who engaged in this act of evil.

Mr. Speaker, it is also a time for healing, and it is a time to remember Martin Luther King’s dream, which should be America’s dream, that, one day, our children will grow up to be judged by the content of their character and not by the color of their skin.

I dream also that, one day, we may decide that it is not a controversial statement to say that all lives matter, because it is not a time for us, it is not a time for them. It is only a time for we, the people, to treasure all life and respect the dignity of all of God’s children.

It is time to look into our hearts and ask the fundamental question: Today, will I promote a color-conscious society, or will I promote a colorblind society? Today, will I exploit the wound, or, today, will I attempt to heal the wound?

May the God who gave us life and liberty heal the wounded of our Nation, heal the wounded of the city of Dallas, lift up the families of the fallen, and bless our land with greater peace and greater understanding.

#### JUSTICE FOR ALL

(Mr. HOYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, all of us were deeply shocked and heartbroken to learn of the assassination of five police officers in Dallas last night. Nothing can ever justify the cold-blooded murders of those who have sworn to protect and serve. Such an act does nothing to bring back those who were killed by police in previous days—killings that also shocked the conscience of our country.

Violence only begets violence, not justice.

The killings of Alton Sterling and Philando Castile at the hands of law enforcement officers were horrifying and unacceptable. Their families deserve a full investigation and for justice to be served—just as those five fallen officers deserve justice. Justice for all—those officers who were shot in Dallas and their families deserve that.